

Response to First Office Action
Docket No. 020.0338.US.CON

REMARKS

Claims 1-34 are pending. Claims 1, 14, and 26 have been canceled.
Claims 2, 5, 6-8, 10-13, 15, 18-23, 25, 27-33 have been amended. Claims 2-13,
15-25, and 27-34 remain in this application. No new matter has been introduced.

5 Claims 1, 13, 14, 25, and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as
being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6, 302,844, issued to Walker et al.
Claims 1, 14, and 26 have been cancelled and the rejection rendered moot. Claim
13 has been amended to depend on allowable Claim 6. Claim 25 has been
amended to depend on allowable Claim 19. Withdrawal of the rejection under 35
10 U.S.C. §102(e) is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 11-14, 23-26, 33, and 34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e)
as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,283,923, issued to Finkelstein et al.
Claims 1, 14, and 26 have been cancelled and the rejection rendered moot. Claims
11-13 have been amended to depend on allowable Claim 6. Claims 23-25 depend
15 on allowable Claim 19. Claim 33 has been amended to depend on allowable
allowable Claim 29 and Claim 34 is dependent on Claim 33. Withdrawal of the
rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-10, 15-22, and 27-32 stand subject to objection as being
dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claims 6, 19, and 29 have been amended
20 to incorporate the limitations of their base claim. Claims 2, 5, 7, 8, and 10 have
been amended to depend on allowable Claim 6. Claims 15, 18, and 20-22 have
been amended to depend on allowable Claim 19. Claims 27, 28, and 30-33 have
been amended to depend on allowable Claim 29. Claims 2-10, 15-22, and 27-32
are believed to be in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the objection is
25 respectfully requested.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon has been reviewed by the
applicant and is considered to be no more pertinent than the prior art references
already applied.

Claims 2-13, 15-25, and 27-34 are believed to be in condition for
30 allowance. Entry of the foregoing amendment is requested and a Notice of
Allowance is earnestly solicited. Please contact the undersigned at (206) 381-

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3900 regarding any questions or concerns associated with the present matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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